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Fresno is already receiving considerable advertising on account of the \$20,000 home race.

There will be 1,800,000 acres of virgin soil open to homestead entry in Oklahoma on the 2nd day of April.

It is as nearly impossible to name what cannot be raised in Fresno county as to name what can be raised.

The telephone company earned the last fiscal year 24.45 per cent upon the capital stock. The net earnings were \$2,414,000.

It takes 4,000,000 trees to give a year's supply of ties for the world's railways. The moral is, get hold of some Fresno timber land.

OLIVES may not be cultivated successfully in any state in the union except California. This would seem to make their culture profitable.

The report of "huachuco" in Lower California was because for the Mexicans, and they are having bull-fights and fandangoes, with mescal on the side.

EVERY orange tree that is planted north of Tehachia adds another nail to the coffin of every newspaper man in the narrow citrus belt of the south.

The San Francisco grand jury has passed laws restricting the sale of morphine and cocaine. Strict laws are needed regulating the sale of daggers, pistols and "Rough on Rats."

M. A. DAVENPORT, of the Louisiana lottery company, owns a fine story building in New Orleans. A number of Fresno people kindly aided the gentleman to build it.

The electric light promises to be of great service in naval defense. It is almost impossible for a torpedo boat to approach a vessel unobserved if powerful flash lights are used.

CONVICTS are made by wine-makers that the wine-buyers of San Francisco have combined, and will not pay growers a fair price. Is not the remedy at hand? Why may not growers combine?

"THE Indian that calls itself the Indiana legislature" is what the Nebraska State Journal calls the law-making body of Hoosierdom. A California man would feel at home in Indiana, just now.

Some evangelists have been creating a sensation in the southern part of the state by crying out in the residence portions of towns at midnight: "Hepten ye, repent ye, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

THE Tombstone Prospector is endeavoring to aid in booming the Barque-Hala mines. A late number says that one Hamilton Light brought ore into town that assayed 67 per cent silver, 50 per cent lead, and 40 in gold. Great is the ore of the Barque-Hala.

LAND has heretofore advanced so rapidly in value that purchasers invariably expect to be able to sell at an advanced figure. In irrigated Fresno it is always possible to cultivate the land and secure satisfactory interest on the amount invested, in case a sale is not effected.

The writer well remembers when those who predicted that vineyards would be good property in California were denounced as visionary. The man who laid the hardihood to plant orange trees was the cynosure of all eyes. Yet oranges and raisins are among the most profitable products in the state today.

Since the governor cut off the appropriation of \$500,000 a year, the state board of silk culture is endeavoring to induce business men to contribute to the support of the institution. Such a profitable business as silk culture is represented to be by its advocates, ought to be self-sustaining.

M. V. ROSE, a fruit-grower of Nimeshew, Butte county, reports that he has apples at 1 1/2 cents per pound, receiving a net income of \$921.50 per acre. His orchard has an altitude of 2500 feet. This goes to prove that Fresno foothill and mountain land, which is now very cheap, is really worth \$1000 per acre.

WOMEN seeking divorces often ask for permission to resume their maiden name. If there is any law compelling a woman to assume her husband's name upon marriage, the writer has been unable to discover it. It is possible that the common law of England, which rules in default of provisions of United States law, refers to the subject.

The English walnut grows in California very thrifty. It does not do well upon land where oak trees have grown, some unexplained reason, but upon far most any other kind of soil it grows in a remarkable manner, especially when irrigated. The income after the trees have reached an age of ten years will average between \$400 and \$500 per acre.

THE Kern county California claims that a resident of that county put 50,000 tons of alfalfa into the stack at a cost of \$1 per ton. The yield of alfalfa in Fresno county ranges between four and eight tons per acre per annum, and the price ranges from \$8 to \$12 per ton. If alfalfa can be put into the stack for \$1 per ton, it ought to prove more profitable than wheat-growing.

MURKAT HALSTEAD demanded, very properly we think, an investigation of the alleged Payne election frauds. If Senator Payne now prevents the confirmation of Halstead, the latter will be compelled to accept the slight as part of a journalist's life, reflecting that he endeavored to do that which he believed to be right.

We favor the issuing of an artistically illustrated and well-written pamphlet by the Fresno board of trade, descriptive of the county, to be sold at a nominal price—say 25 cents per copy. A thorough review of what has been accomplished, giving names, facts and figures, with numerous illustrations, well executed, ought to be readily.

CONSIDERING that he was held a prisoner a few months ago, Emin Pasha is to be commended for his fertility of resource, and the bravery to cope with the most adverse circumstances. He has whipped the Derwishes again, and we may expect him to develop considerable power and secure a large following.

OPPORTUNITY LINGERETH STILL.

Some complain that land is too high in California; that the eastern farmer who sells 100 acres can with the proceeds scarcely purchase a twenty-acre irrigated farm in Fresno. It must be understood that twenty acres of our irrigated soil will produce more wealth than any 100 acres of unirrigated soil east of the Rocky mountains. Our land is worth all more than is asked for it. The eastern farmer whose land is so situated that he enjoys the benefits associated with proximity to business centers, can generally sell his large farm for enough to secure a more profitable small farm in California. Those who have inherited land, poorly situated, can hardly expect to sell it for a price sufficiently large to enable them to enjoy the greater blessings that attach to well-situated lands in California. The climate we have with us always, and nature is in her choicest mood in some of our best farming lands. Most any land in California is preferable to much that may be found in the east. There is much land here that has not so pleasant an aspect, but the climate permits the growth of plants that cannot be raised in the east. There is land to be had in California, and even in Fresno county, for the taking. Much of our foothill lands are very cheap, while they are very richly productive. Nearly all of the mountain land is fertile. All of it is suitable for apple culture, and good mountain apples are worth money in California. They are now selling for \$2.75 per box, the grower probably netting \$1.25 per box or more. There is in the mountains an abundance of timber and water, and the summer grazing is of the very best. All over our state is written the word "opportunity," but many dream under the trees, as in the days of the pioneers. The value for many of California is delicious. That some day those of less favored climes will learn of the influence of our people, and they will come in and possess our lands. Awake, ye dreamers on the golden shores! Over yonder plains approach a vast array of workers.

It is a common saying in the east that the only way to find natural gas is to bore a hole in the ground. Geologists go about with fine-pointed theories, but the drillers find the gas. Much has been said about the visit of Prof. Ashburner, the Pennsylvania natural gas expert, to this coast. It was thought that he would be able to give practical aid in the development of California gas fields. His predictions in regard to Stockton have destroyed the confidence of the people, as they were in many instances in direct opposition to conditions already existing. He said that no gas well would pay unless all the water was shut off. Yet there are wells in Stockton producing as high as 15,000 feet per day, the gas forcing its way to the surface through the water. He thought that a careful investigation must be made by a gas expert before gas could be developed. He didn't know that gas already existed. Where gas is, drills will set it free. Prior to drilling, no one way with certainty say that it does not exist.

The recent heavy rainfall insures a large crop of wheat in the valley of the San Joaquin, and the failure of the Australian crop will tend to enhance prices. The uncertainty of rain and the possibility of severe north winds make wheat-growing somewhat uncertain. The cost of harvesting has, however, in latter years been reduced one-half, and the cost of seedling has also been materially reduced. Those who grow wheat on a large scale on unirrigated land assume great risks, but one good crop makes them wealthy. The difficulty in such cases generally is that the man who gets a good crop one year, puts in twice as many thousand acres the next year, and eventually has to mortgage his possessions to the one-year-trusting dealer in high-priced supplies.

SALES of land at Fresno have averaged very closely to \$150 an acre. An exchange remarks, in view of this fact, that Fresno rain lands are beginning to realize the value of the California boom in wheat. There are heaps of people laying around waiting for a chance to gather up some of the pieces. Just as soon as experiment has demonstrated the value of the land of a given section the price advances, and the property is worth the increased price because its actual value is known.—Riverside Press.

That is good argument. The Riverside Press is thoroughly informed as to the actual value of Fresno orange land, and is endeavoring to make known the opportunities here presented. It may be interesting to some to learn that sales of improved Fresno rain vineyards at from \$300 to \$500 per acre are quite common.

WATER church and state become involved, there is danger of great trouble, and always a possibility of war. The religious contention in Canada promises a dissolution of existing union. The pope dissolved several societies over 100 years ago, and their land reverted to the crown. The Jesuit societies have now brought suit to recover the land, and whichever way the parliament decides, it will be sorry it did not decide the other. The contention is rapidly developing into a bitter religious strife. The house is divided, and it is not improbable that the entire dominion will become involved. This will make annexation possible, but we doubt the propriety of annexing a country which will be ruled by malcontents.

We would suggest that Fresno county has come pretty near licensing murder in the past and it has not proved profitable to the county, victim or criminal—only to the lawyer.—Fresno Inquirer.

Be careful, neighbor. In Fresno county a newspaper cannot express the opinion that a murder has been committed, however plain and open the facts surrounding the crime may be, without bringing down upon its head the virtuous wrath of the honorable gentlemen of the bar who have been so successful in their business of defending criminals that no murderer has ever been hanged in Fresno county.

The fertility of our soil is a constant wonder to even those who have been longest acquainted with the state and its productions. In fact proper care and cultivation have been accorded to only a very limited list of trees and vines. Figs, for instance, are not generally planted. We find about every door yard a few trees, but very few fig orchards. California seems to be the natural home of the fig. It is very prolific, even when

allowed to cope with the difficulties presented by dooryard culture. The leaves put on a living green, and the branches spread in a way that unmistakably indicates the suitability of soil and climate to their growth. They bear more prolifically, perhaps, than any tree now grown in the state. Trees in full bearing often produce over 500 pounds of figs. At 8 cents per pound, which is a low price, each tree will produce \$40 worth. The purple fig seems to be the most prolific. We feel safe in saying that an acre of from 500 to 1500 per acre may be counted on from fig orchards of good varieties upon irrigated soil in Fresno.

FISH and Pickering, of San Francisco, are now selling razors, typewriters, shotguns, watches, bicycles, banjos and trout books. They publish a paper called the Fishier, which is given as a premium with every article sold.

SAN FRANCISCO is contributing liberally to the fund for the relief of the starving people in China. The Chinese Six Companies contributed \$15,000, and white citizens \$6500. Nor blood nor prejudice can turn away from starving men.

The money order system of the United States, a ready-made complete, is to be extended. Negotiations are now being conducted with various foreign governments with a view of securing consent to a reciprocal increase of the maximum amount that may be sent.

ESPERANZA as a locomotive whistle is blown to warn persons in front of the train, the sound should be proper appliances be deflected forward. Proper variations in the sound and length of the notes could aid as such signals. The adoption of such a change would seem to be peculiarly appropriate.

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BOODLE SENATORS.

When the Ohio legislature was brought up the bill of 1893, and Standard Oil paid Allan G. Thurman, and George H. Pendleton for the United States senatorship, the latter class of newspapers throughout the entire country denounced the deal as one of the most disgraceful ever known in the political history of the nation. Foremost and most aggressive, perhaps, was the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, edited by a man of brilliant attainments and unquestioned integrity, Myart Halstead. So persistent was the Gazette in its denunciation of the whole affair, that the question became a leading one in state politics, and the succeeding legislature ordered an investigation of the methods pursued by Payne and his friends. This investigation led to the matter being brought to the attention of the United States senate, that body being asked to depose Mr. Payne because his seat had been obtained through the corrupt use of money. The senate tried to depose the issue, but, being forced to do something, it finally decided that as the evidence submitted did not convict Mr. Payne of having obtained his seat through the use of money, he should be allowed to retain his seat. This coat of whitewash was repeatedly knocked full of holes by the scathing attacks of the Cincinnati paper, which has been a source of anything but peace and comfort to Mr. Payne and his senatorial friends. Last week President Harrison nominated Mr. Halstead for minister to Germany. To get even with the editor who had the courage to expose Mr. Payne and his methods, the latter gentleman set about with the assistance of every other headliner in the senate—including Mr. Stanford of California and Mr. Jones of Nevada—to defeat Mr. Halstead's confirmation. No objection was urged against Halstead other than that he had openly assailed the corrupt use of money in securing the election of Payne to the United States senate, and the action of the senate itself in refusing to depose Payne when the truth of the charge had been established. The nomination of Mr. Halstead was rejected.

This action on the part of the senate of the United States can be taken in no other light than a direct and vicious assault upon freedom of speech in this country. For what does free speech amount to if a free press be not allowed? Because an editor dared to publish damaging facts about a corrupt politician who owed his position solely to the votes bought and paid for with money—and backed up the published statements with evidence sufficient to convince anybody but those who had obtained high public position by the same means, he was rebuked by the supposed servants of the American people. The United States senate went out of its way to insult every honest newspaper man in the country, and one at a time the head of every senator who voted to reject Halstead's nomination will tumble from his shoulders into the political waste basket. Every man who voted to reject the nomination voted himself a hoodler and an enemy to clean politics. They will be judged accordingly.

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